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CHRISTMAS AT THE BETHEL CHURCHES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
There was a large attendance at the Christmas supper, Saturday evening. Mrs. Maude Farwell was chairman of the committee. The dining room was prettily decorated, this being in charge of Mrs. W. C. Garay and Mrs. W. C. Bryant. The exercises by the Sunday school were under the direction of Thea Hutchinson, Electa Chapin and the Misses Goodnow, and a fine program was given. "Santa" then appeared; his sudden coming frightening some of the younger children, but after he gave them boxes of candy and shook hands with them they were friends for the rest of the evening. Miss Frost, Miss Marion Frost and Mrs. Durell had charge of the trees. After supper the following program was presented:
Exercises, Charles Chapin, Martha Brown, Mary Thurston, John Twaddle
Solo, Virginia Goodnow
Recitation, John Twaddle, Milan Chapin, Harlan Hutchins, Leslie Morrill, Josephine Thurston, Rita Hutchins
Solo, Dorothy Edwards
Recitation, Gilbert Brown
Recitation, Charles Chapin
Recitation, Virginia Goodnow

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A large number were out to the supper, Christmas tree and concert on Friday evening. About 185 sat down to a bountiful repast after which Santa distributed gifts from the large trees. The following program was also given:
Song with recitation,
Edward Poole, Ernest Brown, Clarence Poole, Catherine Brinck, Douglas Sawyer
Recitation, Henry Hastings, Jr.
Recitation, Richard Marshall
Recitation, Sheridan Chapman
Song, Jack Frost, Catherine Brinck
Recitation, Bertha Cross
Recitation, Norris Brown
Recitation, Harriet Rollins
Recitation, Arnold Rollins
Song, Noisy Toys, Primary Class
Recitation, June Baker
Recitation, Mary Tibbets
Recitation, Ruth Bennett
Song, Keep Sweet,
Barbara and Katherine Herriek
Recitation, Getting a Christmas Tree, Ashby Tibbets
Exercises, Receiving and Giving,
Miss Shirley Brooks, Rosalie Thurston, Catherine Lyon, Harold Rollins, Maurice Poole
Song, Dolly's Lullaby, Katherine Lyon
Recitation, Guessing Time,
Marguerite Flint
The program for Sunday evening was enjoyed by a good sized audience and was as follows:
Voluntary—March, Mrs. Russell
Duet, Silent Night, Holy Night,
Mr. and Mrs. Achenbach
Recitation, Rosalie Thurston
Recitation, Rosalind Rowe
Recitation, Bertha Cross
Song, O Rest Thee, Infant Jesus,
Catherine Brinck
Reading, 23rd Psalm, Marguerite Flint
and Prayer, Helen Carter
Song, A Song the World is Singing,
Chorus
Recitation, Theodore Eames
Recitation, Richard Holt
Song, Little Love Beams,
Barbara and Katherine Herriek and Katherine Lyon
Exercise—Wreaths of Love,
Millicent Heath, Marie Chapman, Maxine Clough, Helen Carter
Solo, Night of Nights, Mrs. Harold Rich
Recitation, Madeline Brinck
Recitation, Adeline Stearns
Song, O Wondrous Word, Chorus
Recitation, Edward Poole
Recitation, Albert Brown
Song, Clear and Bright, Primary Class
Talk to boys and girls, The Heart's Christmas Tree, Mr. Achenbach
Song, Carolling On, Chorus

METHODIST CHURCH

A very fine program was given at the Methodist church on Christmas Eve. The pageant, "The Message of the Christ-Child," was not only beautiful to look at and listen to but it had a real message for everyone. The purpose of the pageant was to teach that the people of China are afraid of the evil spirit called Fear; they think they hear demons crying out in the mountains, forest, wind and water. The Angel of the Message came and drove Fear away and taught the Chinese children "the old, old story that is new each day," and that if they would throw wide the door to let Christ in, Joy and Faith would drive away all Fear and Sin and they would love the beauty of wind and water and forest and hill without Fear.
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NORWAY HAS BIG FIRE

The three-story wooden factory used by the Novelty Turning Company, and owned by the Central Maine Power Co., located at the lower end of Norway village, was totally destroyed by fire early Friday forenoon, causing a loss of thousands of dollars. The loss is the heaviest caused by a fire here in many years, in fact one of the heaviest since the big fire of 1894. Only the hardest work of the Norway fire department saved property nearby, including the warehouse of the Novelty Company, containing finished goods and stock in preparation. The loss is mostly covered by insurance.
The fire was discovered about 7:30 and was caused, it is supposed, by an overheated bearing on an electric motor. It spread rapidly through the old building, built soon after the Civil War, and in a short time the building was a mass of flames. About eight inches of snow on the roof served materially in checking the flames in reaching nearby property. But for awhile it looked as though adjacent property would catch fire.
The mill was filled with stock which was finished or nearly completed, and this served to form added fuel for the flames, in addition to the old building, which burned like tinder. So fierce were the flames at the height of the fire that the firemen were driven away from their positions near the building, but they turned their attention to assisting other firemen in saving nearby property, in the meanwhile throwing streams of water on the fire from more distant points.
Quite a number were employed in the buildings, and they all made their way out of the building, at no time being in danger. The Novelty Turning Co. was a business brought here in 1905 by the father of the present proprietor, H. Walter Brown, and was unique in many ways in its products. The company manufactured among other things bird cage perches, having practically a monopoly in this product in the world. The factory was finely equipped with modern machinery, and also contained a large amount of stock, finished or in process. The office equipment was saved, this being removed by the office force and other employees of the factory.
The building was built by Jonathan Blake soon after the Civil War, and had since been used for various purposes at different periods. It was a paper mill at one time, later a woolen mill, and following a period in which it was in 1905. It is not known whether it had been unused for some time previous to the Novelty Turning Co. taking it in 1905. It is not known whether the company will rebuild.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The Parent-Teachers' meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 8.
It is hoped that a large number of interested parents and citizens will be present. Following is the program:
Business
Solo, Mrs. Harold Rich
Reading, Mr. Hanson
Solo, Mrs. Wight
Question Box conducted by Mrs. Eugene Vandenberg
Please bring questions and come prepared to answer and discuss questions. In this way real practical help for scholar and pupil may be secured.
As our Academy is taking first rank among the second schools of the State let our aim be to raise the standard of all the grades.

OFFICERS OF SUDBURY LODGE, K. of P., ELECTED

At the regular meeting of Sudbury Lodge, No. 22, K. of P., Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected:
C. C.—Leroy Andrews
V. C.—Kenneth McInnis
P.—Frank Abbott
M. of W.—Arthur Dudley
K. of R. & S.—John Harrington
M. of P.—Wesley Wheeler
M. of E.—Earl H. Jordan
M. at A.—Merle Swan
I. G.—Harold Rollins
O. G.—Ellis Robinson

CARL SWAN

Mr. Carl Swan, son of the late Marcus Swan and Deborah Swan, passed away at Augusta last week after an illness of long standing.
Mr. Swan was born in Locke's Mills thirty-six years ago, but has spent the greater part of his life in Bethel. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Deborah Swan, and eight sisters.
The funeral was held from the home of Mrs. Lizzie Thurston on Mechanic Street, attended by Rev. C. B. Oliver. Burial was in the family lot at Riverside.

CEYLON ROWE

While a feeling of sadness filled the minds of the people of our little village, it was not one of surprise when it became known Thursday morning that Ceylon Rowe had quietly passed into the Great Beyond the previous evening. Mr. Rowe had been confined to his room since early in October and had made a brave fight for life.
Mr. Rowe was born at the old Rowe homestead near Woodlawn cemetery, April 1st, 1838, the son of the late Caleb and Abigail Plummer Rowe and was the last of a family of eleven children. Mr. Rowe's grandmother was Martha Twitshell, daughter of Eleazer Twitshell, one of the first settlers of Bethel and it was by way of this marriage that Mr. Rowe was connected with many of the oldest families of the town. On May 12th, 1864, he married Mary Grover of Bethel. One son, Herbert Ceylon, was born to them in 1877. Mr. Rowe passed away Dec. 22, 1917, after a long period of invalidism.

About 1860, at the death of Mrs. Rowe's brother, Leonard Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe took into their family the orphaned daughter and as a daughter she grew to womanhood and remained with them until her marriage to Freeman Timberlake. Her children have always enjoyed coming to the home of Grandpa Rowe. One, Miss Emma Timberlake, of Boston was present at the funeral service Sunday.

For several years Mr. Rowe kept the home, under the supervision of a housekeeper, but the cares and responsibilities of the household proving too much for advancing years he became one of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood on Park Street, where he has received every care and attention.
Mr. Rowe was one of the successful native-born men of Bethel. He received his education in Bethel public schools and Gould's Academy. He began his business career as clerk in the store of Abner Davis in 1859. In 1861 he was acting as agent for the Bethel Steam Mill Company. In 1866, he entered a partnership under the firm name of Rowe, Grover & Co., of which firm Mr. Rowe was senior partner. In three years the firm name was changed and again in 1873, he became associated in business with his brother, E. C. Rowe. In 1878 Mr. Ceylon Rowe dissolved his partnership and a few months later went into business for himself and has continued this for many years. For the past few years the sign in the old time place has read Ceylon Rowe & Son, although failing health some time ago compelled Mr. Rowe to relinquish the active charge of the now prosperous store to his son. Thus the store has been a landmark of the town since 1860.

WALLACE GOODRIDGE

Wallace Goodridge passed away at his home at West Bethel on Sunday, Dec. 24, after a long period of illness. Further notice will be given next week.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas the Divine Master has removed from our midst our beloved brother, Horatio N. Upton, it is hereby resolved that Bethel Grange has lost a loyal and valued member, that the community has lost an upright, useful, Christian citizen who was ever ready to respond to the call of duty, and that the profound sympathy of this Grange is extended to his bereaved family.
P. E. RUSSELL,
HERMAN KIMBALL,
HERMAN MASON,
Committee on Resolutions.
Adopted by Bethel Grange, Dec. 21, 1922.

BETHEL COUPLE OBSERVE TWENTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday evening, Dec. 20, 1922, the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Trask was the scene of a merry celebration, as many friends and relatives gathered to extend congratulations on the 20th anniversary of their wedding day.
By invitation of their daughter, Miss Edith, a grand surprise was planned for this happy occasion. Miss Bessie being in the secret all preparations were quietly made and as the merry jingle of bells and a long line of teams drove into their yard they arose with exclamations of great surprise which could not be suppressed. Quickly recovering their composure they greeted their friends with great pleasure, and were delightfully surprised to receive them, but more surprised than all, as they realized that twenty years of their happy married life had passed so quickly.
The evening was pleasantly passed with whist, games and music. Refreshments were served. A delicious wedding cake was made and presented by Mrs. Clara Rayford, and many other gifts received.
Mr. and Mrs. Trask were showered with many congratulations and good wishes for many more years of happiness and prosperity.

SPECIAL CAMPAIGN AT METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. G. A. Klein of Memphis, Tenn., now holding a revival in Sebastian, Fla., with Mr. Henry Littlefield is coming to Bethel, Jan. 20, to hold a two weeks' series of evangelistic meetings. Dr. G. A. Klein is a great preacher of a great gospel. Wherever he preaches there is never room enough to seat all the people. Unlike many such men, Dr. Klein leaves a permanent work accomplished wherever he goes. He preaches in such a warm, clear way that even the children can follow him. All his sermons are great in their simplicity. All Bethel people who know Henry Littlefield are anxious for Jan. 21 to come that they may listen to his gospel message in song.
The church is being organized for the work. The community has been divided into eight districts of which Mr. Fred Wood is made captain. The Tuesday evening class meeting will be the cabinet.

THE SPECIAL DIVISIONS WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LIEUTENANTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Broad, Mason and Paradise Streets, Lieutenant—Mr. H. H. Anna
 2. Mill Hill and Songo Road, Lieutenant—Mr. Frank Abbott
 3. Church, Park, Upper High, Upper Summer and Elm Streets, Lieutenant—Mr. A. C. Adams
 4. Main Street to Bryant's Store, Spring, Brighton and Chapman Streets, Lieutenant—Mr. Sherman Haselton
 5. Lower Main, Mechanic, Clark, Lower High, Lower Summer and Vernon Streets, Lieutenant—Mr. Lyman Wheeler
 6. Railroad Street and road to West Bethel, Lieutenant—Mr. John Anderson
 7. Wilson road, No. W. Bethel section, Lieutenant—Miss Minnie Wilson
 8. Swan's Hill, Middle Intervale, Lieutenant—Mr. Stephen Abbott
- These Lieutenants will each provide a special list of names of all in their given section who will help prepare for a real campaign. The duties of these sections will be 1, to observe the first week of January as a week of prayer for the campaign at every family altar; 2, beginning the second week of January and continuing through the third week each division is to hold a prayer group every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. (Time will be set by the Captain.) 3, distribute advertising material in your section. 4, be singers. 5, act as ushers. 6, plan for special evenings. 7, be personal workers. 8, write to those who are away from your streets and home securing their cooperation. Motto: Be prepared for January 31—February 4.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday, January 2nd, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and that transaction of any business that may legally come before said meeting.
HARRY C. PARK, Cashier.
Bethel, Maine, December 8, 1922.
Start the New Year right by giving that absent friend a year's subscription to the Citizen, \$2.00.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Bethel Boy Scouts
Troop No. 1, Bethel, Maine, has placed its first exhibit of troop work on exhibit in the show window of Thurston's hardware store. Scouts O'Day and Thurston had charge of this exhibit.
On January 1, 1923, the Bethel troop will show its efforts in behalf of the Red Cross Drive when they make their final returns on this date. Troop No. 1 has reduced its numbers somewhat in order that the troop would be made up of active members. New recruits are wanted. See Scoutmaster Chester Howe or Assistant Scoutmaster Chester B. Oliver.

Mexico Boy Scouts, Troop No. 2

Troop No. 2, Mexico, B. E. Strout, Scoutmaster, held their regular meeting at Scout Headquarters, Tuesday evening. Thirty scouts were in attendance along with the committeemen of the three troops.
The meeting opened at 7 o'clock with the Roll Call followed by Scout Oath and Laws. Knot tying and Bandaging were next in line and followed by Signalling Practice and Use of Compass. Scoutmaster Strout gave a short talk dealing with the effects of tobacco and intoxicating liquor on boys. Plans for a Scout Exhibit week, Fair with minstrel show, and drama with social and supper produced great enthusiasm and definite plans were laid to follow these matters out.

At 8:30 a completely set-up radio furnished an interesting entertainment throughout which the smell of roasted, disappearing "weenies" only added to the charm. The meeting was declared by all as 100 per cent in efficiency and fun. At 10:15 the troop came to attention, gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and were dismissed.

Rumford Boy Scouts, Troop No. 1

Troop No. 1, Rumford is "limbering up" well for the coming hike to Half Moon Pond on the 27th. Action with a big A is the troop motto. Wednesday night's meeting started off with "Skin the Snake" and "Prisoner" followed by the Crab Race. The Eagles took first place in the last game and the Lions second place. Phil Jenkins was declared the "star crab chaser" of the evening. The knot tying contest ended with P. Jenkins and R. Maynard the top-notchers. Scoutmaster Clark placed a 10 second time limit to this contest and its close demonstrated the Double Bowline and Jug Knot. (Troop No. 1, Rumford, formally issues an open challenge to any Troop in Oxford County to meet them in a Knot Tying Contest.)
Mr. Stalmuke, R. Deers and K. Kidder officially passed their Tenderfoot tests. Knives and Hatchet tests were passed by Scouts Hasey, Irish, Day, Seymour, Yuknis, Shurtlett, Macaulley, Fernald, Murphy and Welch. The new ruling in regard to Badge Awards was officially announced specifying the first meeting in each month as the night for all badge awards.

Locke's Mills Boy Scouts on Hike

Scoutmaster Stanley Bartlett of Troop No. 1, Locke's Mills, is proving a fit successor to former Scoutmaster Pettengill. Under his active leadership the troop is whipping into line. Already five members of the troop are engaged in Merit Badge work and coming fine. Their last hike was of a day's duration with a week's fun in the meantime "Shank's mare" led the way by the Oxford County Scout Camp and over the gorge of Harry Packard's. Here they gained a valuable addition to the numbers and straightway started for Red's Camp on the other side of North Pond. A day of fun followed. Everyone did his part of the Seatercraft Work and Ice Fishing. This is the first hike under the new leader and certainly invites another.

Norway Boy Scouts

Troop No. 1, Norway, is not planning on being a "tall ender" during the coming year of 1923. Scoutmaster Lawrence Dennison is proving a scoutmaster that will receive 100 per cent support that Norway is able to give. Already the American Legion is solid in its support of the troop. The troop has been entirely reorganized in its patrol organization with Houghton Kimball as Senior Patrol Leader. Regular scout meetings fall of scoutcraft are in progress and putting the ginger into everyone connected with the troop as well as bringing public opinion solidly behind the Norway Scouts.
Five new members have been added to the Norway troop lately bringing the

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BETHEL AND VICINITY

We wish you all a happy, prosperous New Year.

E. C. Park, Esq., was a business visitor in Portland, Thursday.

Mr. Chester Cummings of Oquossoc was home over the week end.

Mrs. Blon Brown and daughter, Helen, were in Portland last week.

Miss Dorothy Chandler spent Christmas at her home in South Paris.

Mr. Fred Bartlett of Auburn is visiting his sister, Mrs. Chas. Bean.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Sessions dined with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lapham, Christmas.

Mrs. Fred Chandler of Auburn spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler.

Miss Virginia Goodnow is visiting friends in Gorham, N. H., and her sisters in Berlin, N. H.

Mr. Ernest Walker started Wednesday morning for St. Petersburg, Fla., where he will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bean and little daughter of Lewiston are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cummings and children of Rumford were guests of relatives in town over the week end.

Miss Muriel Park was in Brunswick over the week end to attend the Christmas festivities at Bowdoin College.

Miss Mona L. Martyn of Norway spent the week end and Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martyn.

On Wednesday, Miss Muriel Park went to Farmington, where she will be the guest of Miss Therese Metcalf for several days.

Mr. Durward Mason of Portland spent Christmas with his father, A. H. Mason, and sisters, Mrs. Charles Crosby and Mrs. B. C. Burbank.

About twenty members of Strathglass Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templar, gathered at Masonic Hall on Christmas morning and participated in the Christmas sentiment at 12 noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindell Blanchard of Brookline, Mass., were holiday guests of her parents, Judge and Mrs. A. E. Herriek. Mr. Blanchard has returned to his work, but Mrs. Blanchard will remain for a visit.

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PYTHIAN SISTERS FAIR

A SUCCESS

The fair held at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 19, by the Pythian Sisters, was very successful. Over seventy dollars was realized. The hall was prettily decorated with red and green crepe paper and Christmas bells, which made a pretty scene. The fancy work table was in charge of Mrs. Constance Wheeler and Mrs. Minnie Bennett. Apron table, Mrs. Helen Baker and Mrs. Alice Littlehale. Candy table, Mrs. Hester Sanborn. Food table, Mrs. Bernice Spearin and Mrs. Helen Berry. Quilt, Mrs. Winona Chapin and Mrs. Grace Robinson.
A Christmas tree, loaded with gifts, filled one big window and afforded lots of amusement to both old and young. This was in charge of Mrs. Mary Brown. A fine luncheon was served to the brother Knights and we appreciate their loyal support during the evening.

GRANGE NEWS

BETHEL GRANGE
Bethel Grange met on the evening of Dec. 21. The Master opened the meeting at 7:30. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. There were two applications voted on and accepted. The Secretary read an invitation to Bethel Grange to meet with Round Mountain Grange, Albany, for an all day meeting on Jan. 6. It was voted to accept. The Lecturer presented the following program:
Songs,
Report of Maine State Grange,
Mrs. Copeland
Recitation, Harri Sanborn
Suggestions for activities for the coming year
A. E. K. Grover
Original Paper,
Thirty-five members and one visitor were present. Next meeting, Jan. 4.

CANTON

James Driscoll, who has been at work for the electric light company at Canton, suffered a fracture of his wrist a few days ago while cranking an auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fuller of Canton Mountain are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Miss Ada C. Bonney, who teaches school at Presque Isle is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bonney.

Prin. and Mrs. Maynard C. Waltz are spending the holiday season at their home in Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Glines are visiting for a few weeks with their son, Harold Glines and family at Unity.

Miss Mildred Patterson of Buckfield spent Christmas at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Tirrell and family enjoyed a well-filled Christmas tree at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vandenberg who sold their farm in Hartford a short time ago, are nicely located in New Bedford, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Packard attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, James G. Fogg, at Dixfield, Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Fogg were residents of Hartford for a number of years, but moved to Dixfield a year or two ago to live with their daughter, Mrs. Olie Paine.

Miss Alice Walker is at home from Bates College for the holiday vacation.

Miss Madeline Hines of Lewiston has been a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hines.

Miss Hazel Gilbert is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gilbert.

The Universalist Circle gave two of the shut-ins in town a pleasant surprise, Sunday, when large baskets of "goodies" were taken to Mrs. Jane Burbank and Mrs. Emma Francis. The members of the Sunday School also visited them, brought greetings, sang carols, gave recitations, etc., which were much enjoyed by these aged ladies. Baskets of fruit were also carried to others on Christmas day.

Mrs. J. H. Pulsifer of Farmington is visiting her parents in town, while Mr. Pulsifer is at U. of M. for a week.

Sherbourne York of Norway has been visiting friends in town.

Harold Bradford of Livermore Falls has been visiting friends in Canton.

Miss Thelma Bicknell who is employed in Portland has been at home on a short visit.

A Christmas tree with all the relatives present was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mendall.

A. F. Russell entertained all his children and grandchildren at his home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Oldham spent Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Lucy Nason at Livermore Falls.

Mrs. Urban Blaisdell and son of Dixfield spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hodge.

Crystal Sampson and Howard Bennett of Norway have been guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Sampson.

Guy Hutchinson of Rumford has been visiting his father, Fred Hutchinson and family.

Mrs. Pearl McGuire submitted to an operation at a hospital in Lewiston last week. Her husband and daughter have been with her for a few days.

At the meeting of the Penobscot Rebekah Lodge, Friday evening, the officers were elected as follows: N. G., Mrs. Lillian Bicknell; V. G., Mrs. Myrtle Davis; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Gertrude Russell; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Velda Bicknell; Treas., Mrs. Alice Chamberlain; 1st trustee, Mrs. Mary Lamb; 2d trustee, Mrs. Caro Harding; 3d trustee, Mrs. Mabel Glines. The installation will be held Jan. 12th.

Mrs. Ora D. Hodge and children, Gertrude and Amos, have been visiting in Lewiston.

Miss Viola Tilley is visiting in Boston.

James Driscoll, Jr., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Driscoll, of Portsmouth, N. H.

Frank Bicknell has returned home from Chesterville.

Miss Thelma Bicknell was at home from Portland for Christmas.

Mrs. Susan Shackley has returned to the home of W. H. Lurvey of Buckfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones of Massachusetts have been guests of B. A. Swasey and family and other friends in town.

Miss Rosalie Hines of South Livermore has been a guest of Mrs. Fred Hutchinson and family.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank M. Lamb spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Jason Merrill, and family of Bath.

Elzie Daigle, who is employed in Massachusetts, is spending the holidays at his home in town.

A Christmas tree was enjoyed at the home of Lyman Ellis and family.

Fernley Babier and wife of Auburn are guests of her mother, Mrs. Mary S. Reed, and family.

Clara Johnson of Boston is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson.

Miss Edna Tirrell, who is training for a nurse at the C. M. G. Hospital, Auburn, has been visiting for a few days with her aunt, Miss Carrie F. Hayford, and uncle, A. F. Hayford.

A. J. Foster joined with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Small and family in a Christmas tree at the Small home.

Miss Mabel J. Goding is at home from York village, where she teaches, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lavorgna of Fitchburg, N. H., spent Christmas at the Lavorgna home, returning Tuesday.

Clyde Campbell, who is employed in the First National Bank of Lewiston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Campbell.

52 Issues of the Citizen for \$2.00. A weekly reminder to that absent relative or friend, keeping him or her in touch with the old home town. Start the New Year right by sending him or her the next 52 issues.

EAST BETHEL

Miss Edith Trask is staying with Mrs. Alice Farrington.

Mrs. Emma Nutting has returned home from Lewiston.

Gould's Academy students are at home for a vacation of two weeks over the holidays.

Miss Edna Bartlett was at home over Christmas Day.

Schools closed here over Christmas Day, Friday evening, Dec. 21, the teachers, Misses Maud and Laura Cummings, gave a most delightful Christmas entertainment at Grange Hall which was much enjoyed by a good company. The hall was decorated with Christmas bells and greenery and a large Christmas tree brilliantly lighted and decorated with many gifts for the children, drew the attention of all. The following program was given:

Song, "A Possibility," School

Recitation, "A Possibility," School

Dialogue, "Waiting for Santa Claus," Eben Burris, John Currier

Recitation, "Not Letting On," Lillian Harrington

Physical Exercise, with Victrola music, School

Recitation, "Selfish Billy Green," Esther Holt

Dialogue, "Visit to Santa Claus," Primary Room

Recitation, "His Letter," Freda Harrington

Monologue, "Easy Christmas Shopping," Almon Coolidge

Dialogue, "Santa Claus at School," Grammar Room

Recitation, "Grandma's Mistake," Hilma Reed

Recitation, "My Stocking," Gene Burns

Tableau, First Grade

Several select dances were enjoyed. Music by Victrola recently purchased by the Dewey School League.

Christmas Day was quietly observed here. Mr. and Mrs. Porter Farwell drove to Rumford for the day, guests of their daughter, Mrs. Richard Russell, and family—Miss Doris Field and Mr. Keith Field were guests of their sister, Mrs. A. L. Swan, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Holt were Christmas Day guests of their son, Wm. G. Holt, and family—Miss Ruth Cole was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Hastings and family—Guests entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swan were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Swan and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Trask and Miss Bessie Trask.

Mrs. G. N. Sanborn and daughter, Miss Mary, spent the past week, guests of her parents, at the Kimball home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dutton were Christmas callers at the home of Ceylon Kimball and family.

A paper was in circulation and contributions given for Christmas gifts to the family of Erwin Farrar, who are under quarantine.

BONGO FOND

Mr. and Mrs. Abner Kimball spent last week in Portland, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larex.

Mr. Hal Campbell of Truro, N. S., is working for A. B. Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Imman and children and Mrs. Bryce Kimball and Charles Kimball were dinner guests at Charles Beckler's, Christmas.

Mrs. Lyle Harriman returned to Lewiston last week. Mrs. Louisa Donahue went with her for a few days.

Mr. Abner Kimball has purchased the house and barn from Mrs. Ethel Kimball Larex, formerly known as the C. C. Kimball buildings.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at Bongo Pond schoolhouse, Christmas night, when the Bongo Sunday school and the Bongo school combined forces and held a Christmas tree for the little ones. Recitations from the scholars and Miss Celia Kimball and Mr. Eli Grover, also a few selections on the phonograph were heard with delight. Then in comes old Santa, carrying a few of the little ones. All reported having a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Penley and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Saunders and three children and Mr. Roscoe Emery spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Logan and family.

Mrs. Abner Kimball had a short visit from her brother, Mr. George Barrie, of Truro, N. S., recently.

Mr. Ed. Good and Roy Good are working for Fred Littlefield and board there.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Saunders were in Berlin, N. H., Saturday, shopping.

Charles Gorman and Albert Kimball spent a few days in Berlin, N. H., recently, the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gorman.

Mrs. Mattie Edwards is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. Carlton Penley.

Gardner Gorman of Berlin, N. H., is spending a few days at Lake Cottage.

Knowledge Possessed by Few. There seems to be no part of knowledge in fewer hands than that of discerning when to have done.—Swift.

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RUMFORD

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rumford National Bank will be held at the banking rooms in Rumford on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1923, at 12.30 o'clock. A board of directors for the coming year will be chosen at this time and other business transacted.

The Misses Margaret and Elizabeth McKenzie, students at Rumford High School, are spending the holidays at their home in Phillips.

Alden Day, who is a student at a private school in Portland, is at his home in Rumford for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Dorcas Peabody, a student at the Sargent School in Cambridge, and Mrs. William Hurlay and little son of August are in town for the holidays, the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Peabody, of Eriehus Street.

It is planned that the Symphony Orchestra recently formed in town will give a concert sometime within a month or so for the benefit of the public.

Mrs. H. C. Small and daughter, Eleanor, spent Christmas with relatives in York, their former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McKinnon spent the holiday season with relatives in Bath.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kingsley (Miss Margaret McMaster) have been guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McMaster, of Somerset Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Purlington of Upper Franklin Street are spending the holiday season in Bath.

Mrs. Augusta Paine and mother, Mrs. Briery, of Franklin Street, have been making a holiday visit in Portland.

At the homes of Charles W. Burditt and Charles E. Howe was held a family reunion of the brothers and sisters and their families at Christmas time to celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Burditt, which anniversary falls on New Year's, but owing to some members being unable to be present on New Year's, the gathering was held at Christmas time, and a most enjoyable and jolly affair it proved to be.

A special convocation of Strathglass Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templar, was held at the Asylum, Masonic Hall, on Christmas morning at 11.30 o'clock, when at 12 o'clock noon, the Sir Knights of the Commandery participated with all other Knights Templar over the globe, in the beautiful Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. William McGraw are happy over the birth of a son at their home on Waldo Street.

Dorothy Lovejoy has been receiving treatment at the McFarly Hospital for mas sentiments.

Mr. Rodger Tyler of Concord, N. H., arrived in town on Friday last to spend two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil F. Abbott, on the Rumford Centre road.

The sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gauthier and their families are enjoying a family reunion at their camp on Lake Mooselucumogunticook in the Rangely region.

Mrs. Paul Shental (Miss Marion Gauthier) of New York City is a guest for the holiday season of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gauthier, of Congress Street.

The next meeting of Osgood Eaton Relief Corps will be held on Jan. 16 at which time the annual installation of officers will be held.

Frederick Dunham, a freshman at Bowdoin College, is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Dunham, at their home on Knox Street during the holiday season.

Work on the William Gruber house on York Street is progressing rapidly, and the home of Clyde Watson on an adjoining lot, is expected to be ready for occupancy by the first week in the new year.

Leo Spiller, Bates '23, has been a holiday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Young on Clachan Place, Strathglass Park.

Miss Viola Kelley and Katherine Bushley of the Farmington Normal School are enjoying the holiday season at their respective homes.

Miss Pearl Bradbury of Oakland has been a guest of her mother, Mrs. Arthur Wakeley, of Lincoln Avenue.

Mrs. David Bouchard is quite ill at the McCarty Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elliott of Franklin Street are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

Chester Chaffin and family have moved from Knox Street where they have resided for quite a number of years into one of the cottage homes on Cumberland Avenue.

Frank Bedard, a paper maker at the International paper mill in town, is spending the holidays with his family in Flint, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. William McGraw are happy over the birth of a son at their home on Waldo Street.

Dorothy Lovejoy has been receiving treatment at the McFarly Hospital for typhoid fever.

Arthur Parent of Van Buren, who was formerly employed in town by Dr. M. J. Brooks, has left for Detroit, Michigan, where he will be employed in the Ford factory.

A son was recently born to the wife of Henry Gagnon on Pine Street.

Elizabeth Votter, Lula Hamilton and Elizabeth Beeker of the Farmington Normal School are all in town for the holiday season.

Moses LaPorte of Byron is receiving treatment at the Emergency Hospital for injuries recently received while at his work.

Sylvio Gonyea, Clifford Small, Philip Schwind and Francis Hamlin, all of Bowdoin College, are in town for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Hooper of Spring Avenue are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

Wilhelm Schwind, a student at Boston University, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Schwind, of Knox Street.

Shirley Stevenson, Donald Barditt and Charles Niles, all students of the University of Maine, have arrived at their homes for the vacation recess.

Ada Reed, Robertine Howe, Clarice Small, Hazel Montell, Ellen Hall and Priscilla Frow, students at Bates College, are enjoying the holiday vacation in town.

WEST BETHEL

The schools closed Friday for a short vacation. Friday evening the teachers and pupils had a Christmas tree at the Grange Hall.

Mrs. Howard Gunther of Bethel spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Mather, recently.

Fred Scribner of Albany and Arthur Brown of Auburn were here for a few days the last of the week.

Mrs. Ervin Hutchinson spent the day at Bethel village, Tuesday.

J. L. Perry has moved to Bethel to work for H. F. Thurston.

Mr. Fletcher Bean and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perry of Bethel were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vashaw and daughter, Eloise, from Wilson's Mills were in town to attend the funeral of Mr. Wallace Goodridge.

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BETHEL AND VICINITY

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Mrs. Chas. Mills is enjoying a visit from her sister.

Mrs. Kenniston went to Haverhill to visit her daughter for a few days this week.

Mr. Carroll and family of Island Pond, Vt., were recent guests at Chas. Bean's.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bailey are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, Dec. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thurston are entertaining her mother and sister from Portland.

Miss Helen Clark was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clark, over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sloane of Lewiston were guests of Mrs. Geo. Hapgood, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Smith, who have charge of the A. & P. store, are boarding at Chas. Bean's.

Mrs. H. S. Jolley was in West Bethel, Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mr. W. W. Goodridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Lord of South Paris were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sawin over Sunday.

Mr. Harry Brown returned home from the Rumford hospital the first of the week and is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hutchinson have moved into the rent recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Jack.

Miss Ella Kendall has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Kendall, over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Ray Cummings of Rumford was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Cummings over the week end.

Friends of Mr. J. Harold Neal of So. Paris, but well known in Bethel, will be pleased to hear that he has invented a new obstacle golf game, and has put the product on the market. Mr. Neal is now salesman for the Mason Manufacturing Co. of So. Paris and his invention is being manufactured by them.

Mrs. Guy Jack of Worcester, Mass., was in town several days last week.

Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Oliver are enjoying their vacation in Bath, Maine.

Miss Elizabeth Chapman of LaGrange is the guest of Mrs. Clara Upton.

Miss Minnie Capen is spending a few weeks at her old home at Middle Intervale.

Miss Marion Wilson has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Peterkin.

Mrs. Carroll Brown of South Paris was the week end guest of Mrs. Harry Hutchinson.

Miss Marian Mansfield was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ella Mansfield over the holidays.

Mr. Ray Parker of Weymouth, Mass., is spending a few days at the home of H. M. Fairwell.

Miss Ernestine Philbrook of Amesbury, Mass., is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Philbrook, during the holiday recess.

A family gathering was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Cummings, Christmas Day, when all their children were at home.

Miss Methel Packard of Portland was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Packard, and sister, Miss Ida Packard, over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Littlehale entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harold Millett and children of South Paris, Mrs. Amos King and son Philip of Locke's Mills, Mrs. Jennie Littlehale and Mr. Augustus Littlehale on Christmas.

The Misses Catherine and Margaret Hanson, Vivian Wight, Esther Tyler, and the Messrs. Glyndon Sawin, Harold Bennett, Vivian Hutchins, Robert and Edward Hanson are spending their vacation at their respective homes in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins Morgan entertained on Christmas the following: Mrs. Pearl Wing of Bryant Pond, Mr. and Mrs. Nevers of Norway, Mrs. Raymond Hutchinson and daughter, Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Everett McKee and son, Edward, and Mrs. Mabel Allen.

Mrs. Dustin entertained guests from Locke's Mills, Christmas Day.

Mr. Loren Glines of Hebron was the week end guest of his family here.

Rev. and Mrs. B. T. Achenbach and Mr. Wm. MacKay were dinner guests of Mrs. Clara Upton, Christmas.

Miss Bertha Chapman of Portland was a guest of Mrs. Clara Upton over the week end.

Mrs. Clarence West of Lisbon was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crosby.

Miss Ruth Brown of Boston is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brown.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge will hold a private installation Monday evening, Jan. 1st.

Master Richard Holt and Katherine Ramsell are spending a few days with relatives in Norway.

The W. R. C. will serve a supper at 6:15 Thursday evening, Dec. 28, to the veterans and the members of the W. R. C. and their families.

Miss Gladys Spearin returned to Lynn, Mass., Tuesday, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Spearin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gotthard Carlson and two children of Dorchester, Mass., were guests of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Tuell, over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Robertson and son, Percy, were guests of Mr. F. O. Robertson and family, Christmas. Mrs. Robertson will remain for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Frank King was called to New Brunswick last week by the sudden death of her mother. Mr. King has been home from Oquossoc during her absence to care for the children.

Miss Frances Carter of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Tibbets of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carter of Boston, Mr. Harry Carter of Gorham, N. H., Mr. Cleve Richardson of Gorham, N. H., and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lyon and two children were guests of Mrs. Ella Carter and daughter, Julia, Christmas.

CHRISTMAS AT THE BETHEL CHURCHES

Continued from page 1

Joseph and Mary with the Christ-Child. After a solo, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," was sung the curtains opened upon this tableau. After a moment of silence soft music was heard, the strains of "There's a Song in the Air," played through by a violin. Voices took up the music, singing the words of the hymn. The Three Shepherds entered quietly and slowly and knelt before the Holy Family. At the verse which reads, "And that song from afar has swept over the world,—The Angel of the Message entered leading the little Chinese children. In reverent awe they bowed their heads. The song ended and the curtains closed.

The use of red lights for the first two scenes and blue lights for the tableau with the forest which was made for a background made the pageant most beautiful.

The characters with their respective costumes were as follows: Spirit of China, red costume with Chinese flag draped over her, Eugenia Haselton; Spirit of Mountain, dark brown flowing gown, Priscilla York; Spirit of Forest, dark green flowing gown, Esther Lapham; Spirit of Water, light blue flowing gown, Dorothea Barbanks; Spirit of Wind, blue-gray flowing gown, Lelia Little. Angel of the Message, white gown with wing draperies, her hair banded with a narrow white fillet with a gold star in front, Marion Dean. Chinese children, every day dress of their nationality, Lena Pike, Gladys Gibbs, Dorothy Keddy, Wendell Gibbs, Guy Gibbs; Spirit of Fear, all black gown with black veil, Charles Haselton; Joseph, Evans Wilson; Mary, Myrtle Wilson; Three Shepherds, Charles Haselton, John Anderson and Lyman Wheeler wore costumes representing those worn at the time of the Birth of Christ.

The following program was also given previous to the presentation of the pageant: Singing, Audience; Prayer, Pastor; Recitation, Lawrence Brown; Dialogue, "Xmas," "Little Baby Boy,"

Winfield Robertson
"My Heavenly Father,"

Jane Adams
"Don't You Mind," Hilda Robinson
"Father's Presents," Walter Jenkins
"Somebody's Picture," Dorothy Keddy
Song, "Across the Sea in Bethlehem Town,"
Recitation, Eldon Adams
Recitation, Floyd Bartlett
"The Xmas Stocking," Helen Brown
Recitation, Barbara Hutchinson
"Santa's Picture," Trafton Bartlett
Recitation, Florence Hutchinson
"The Shepherd's Vision," Berl Brown
"A Lady Santa Claus,"

Wilson Bartlett
"The Reason," Robert Littlehale
Song, "Smiling Faces All Have We,"
Benediction, Pastor

Mr. W. J. Douglas spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr. Harry Young of Boston spent the Christmas holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Spearin.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Mrs. E. L. Tibbets of Auburn and Fred Morton were guests at Lester Tibbets'.

Mrs. Trina Woodman of Mechanic Falls was home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Band entertained Mr. and Mrs. Carol Brewster of Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Churchill and daughter of Mechanic Falls were entertained at Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tibbets'.

Gwendolyn Bartlett was in Berlin, N. H., Friday.

Mrs. Clara Brown of Bethel and Belle Chase of Auburn were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph King, Monday.

A. C. Davis and family of Bryant's Pond visited with Owen Davis and family, Christmas.

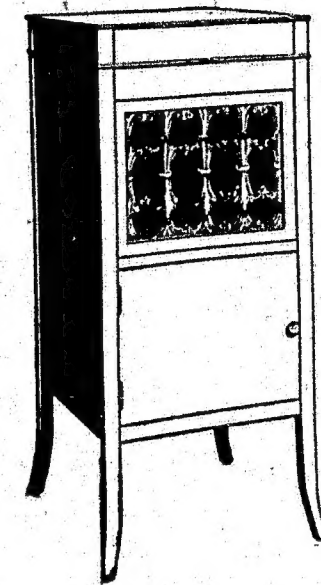
Carl Swan and family were guests of relatives in East Bethel, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fiske entertained Rayner Littlefield and wife and Silas Keniston and family, Christmas.

Dennis Swan and family were guests Christmas of relatives in Greenwood.

Artemus Smith and family were guests of relatives in Berlin, N. H.

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Many others that are marked down as much and some even more.

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SKILLINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Skillington are spending a few days in Boston and other places.

Mr. William Foley was quite sick last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Robinson are spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Robinson.

J. B. Chapman went to Auburn over the week end.

Albert Flanders and Archie Young were in Lewiston, Saturday.

"I believe a man should give his wife plenty of rope."

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BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

For Week Ending Dec. 23, 1922

Prepared by U. S. Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Butter market rules steady with a slightly unsettled undertone on account of the earlier feeling in Chicago. Majority of dealers however are not pushing sales and are holding firm. Very little interest being shown on anything but storage butter. Extras: Fresh 54; Storage 40; Northern extras fresh 55-56; Cheese market continues firm with trading very quiet. Buyers are apparently drawing (from their accumulated stocks as sales are mostly small lots). Dealers as a rule are expressing considerable confidence in the present situation and are not anxious to sell. Field cheese twins 27 1/2-28; Single Dairies 27 1/2-28; Young Americans 27 1/2-28. Egg market is firm on both fresh and storage with prices slightly higher. Good quality fresh eggs are moving out in better demand. Higher receipts 33-34; Firsts 33-34; Extras firsts 31-32; Firsts 32-33; Extras firsts 34-35 with some finer quality eggs going at 36. Dressed poultry market ruling firm with a good demand for the holidays. Heavy fowl (4 1/2-5) 31-32; Chickens (4 1/2-6 lbs.) 32-33; (3 1/2-4) 33-34. Dressed Turkeys Texas and Southern 48-51; Eastern and Western 50-52. Live poultry continues to rule steady. Good demand. Fowl 21-22; chickens 21-22; Leghorns 19-21.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Fairly good buying demand just preceding Christmas, with celery and squash active and higher, oranges lower, and other lines generally unchanged. SHIPPED IN: New York 4 grades Baldwin apples steady at \$5.00 a barrel. Good Florida green beans steady at \$5.00-5.50 a hamper with frosted stock at \$1.00. New York State beans at \$4.50 per 100 lb. bag. New York State English cabbage weak at \$2.00 a barrel. Cape Cod cranberries dull at \$9.00-11.00 a barrel. California iceberg lettuce steady at \$5.00-5.50 a barrel. Best Middle western onions firm at \$3.25 per 100 lbs. and Connecticut Valley stock at \$2.25-2.50 a bag. Florida oranges plentiful and lower at \$1.50-1.60 a box for the best stock. Maine potatoes unchanged at mostly \$1.30-1.35 per 100 lb. bag. Michigan parsnips steady at \$2.00-2.00 a barrel. Florida strawberries at \$2.50-3.00 a barrel. Florida strawberries steady at 85c-1.00 a quart. NATIVE: Baldwin apples unchanged at \$1.50-1.75 a box. Savoy cabbage steady at \$1.75-2.25 a barrel. Celery higher at \$2.00-4.00 a box for white and \$1.00-1.50 for Pascal. Hot-house lettuce weak at 30c a box. Radishes higher at \$1.50-2.00 a box. Blue Hubbard squash 1 1/2-2c a pound. Root vegetables dull at the following prices a bushel: beets \$1.50-2.00; carrots \$1.25-1.50; parsnips \$1.75-2.00; turnips \$1.00-1.25.

When the semi-annual change of beats of Lewiston, Me., police officers was announced recently, orders were given to enforce the 8 o'clock curfew law. Patrolmen were told to pick up any children found on their beats after 8 P. M. during the winter months.

Justice Willard M. Miles, of the Vermont supreme court, will not be a candidate for re-election. He was appointed by Gov. C. J. Bell to the superior court in 1905, and was later promoted to chief justice. He then went to the supreme court. He is 77 years old.

Because he had a still and manufactured liquor at his farm in Lewiston, Me., Napoleon Gagne, 53, father of 11 children, was placed in a hundred dollars and ordered to serve two months in jail with an additional six months in default of payment. Gagne was formerly a shoemaker, but his health broke down and he recently bought a small farm a few miles out of the city.

Arthur Manetis, proprietor of a Lowell restaurant, has a brass souvenir that cost him \$50, but in which he is taking little pleasure. He reported to the police that a well-dressed stranger came into his restaurant and, after exhibiting the brass disc as a \$50 gold piece, asked to be given currency for it. Manetis complied. Later he discovered that his supposed gold coin was simply a brass slug souvenir of the gold rush of 1849.

Chairman Wadsworth of the Senate military affairs committee, in a bill filed recommends the disposal of the following obsolete military reservations: Massachusetts—Gloucester gunhouse; Salisbury Beach near the mouth of the Merrimack river; Fort Standish at Salisbury; and Saquis Neck at the entrance to Plymouth harbor. Maine—Fort Baldwin, Fort Edgecomb, Fort Knox, Fort Machan, Fort McClary, Fort Popham, St. George's and Sugar Loaf Island. New Hampshire—Portsmouth Arsenal and gunhouse. Rhode Island—Fort Mansfield. Connecticut—Lighthouse Point.

The Massachusetts department of public works announces that more than \$9,000,000 had been expended during the year on the highways of the state. More than 212 miles of highway have been constructed or reconstructed during the year, about the same amount of work done during 1921. Of this, about 32 miles were cement, which is the highest grade of construction. About 78 miles were of bituminous macadam with asphalt, 71 miles were of bituminous macadam with tar, 15 miles were of bituminous concrete, 3 1/2 miles of waterbound macadam, and 62 miles of gravel.

By and large, this ought to be a bumper season for water-front workers at Boston, because there is more work to be done than the union can find men for, and the ships are coming in endless procession with goods to be landed or loaded. The boom started back in August after an ordinary summer. Today 2000 longshoremen can have employment at the transatlantic terminals and the piers that handle foreign fuel. Also, freight handlers and clerks in proportion.

NEWS HAPPENINGS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Items Gleaned From All Parts of New England

Triplets, all boys, were born to Frank and Sadie Fair in Union-ay Hospital, Framingham, Mass.

William Tresfry, who was one of the gang which held up a bank in Portland in August, 1920, and escaped with \$12,500, has been sent to the Connecticut State Prison for not less than five nor more than 10 years.

A committee to begin work preparatory to introducing legislation against "legal discrimination against women" at the Connecticut General Assembly in 1923 was appointed at a state conference of the National Women's party at New Haven.

Mrs. Madeline Gron, who was granted a divorce in Portland from Nels Gron, Danish diplomat, said that she would petition the probate court for a change of name. She will seek to resume the surname of her first husband, Dr. Carl Stone. She is a sister of Edgar Lee Masters, the poet.

Three prisoners, one serving a life sentence and the two others for manslaughter have been pardoned by the board of pardons at its semi-annual session at the state prison, Wethersfield, Conn. They are Charles C. Clafey of Hartford, Mrs. Sarah L. Luscher of Moosup and Mortimer Wells of New London.

The Boston school committee, by a vote of three to two, decided definitely to retain on the list of books authorized for use in the schools of Boston, the "School History of the United States," revised 1920, by Albert Bushnell Hart, and "American History," by D. S. Muzzey, two books concerning which there has been much controversy.

A bequest of \$100,000 for the erection of a building for the department of mechanical engineering at University of Maine, to be named for the donor, is made in the will of Oliver Crosby, filed for probate at St. Paul, Minn., according to word received in Orono, Me. The value of the estate was placed between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

There's a Civil War veteran in the Soldiers' Home at Chelsea, Mass., whose life has been as cheerful as that of any hero of fiction. Samuel P. Cutter, sailor, soldier, actor, farmer and singing teacher has had many experiences crowded into his 73 years. Cutter at one time was tenor with the famous "Old Homestead Quartet" with Denman Thompson.

Intercollegiate debates with Colby, New Hampshire, North Dakota and Occidental have been announced by Professor Mark Bailey, head of the department of public speaking at University of Maine, as the debating for the present college year. The first contest will be held at Orono, Maine, Jan. 10, with North Dakota, whose debating team is on an extensive tour of the East.

Fourth Estate lodge A. F. & A. M., known in the Masonic circles as "the newspaper lodge," held its first communication last week in the Masonic Temple, Thompson square, Charlestown, Mass. The lodge is the only organization of its kind in the United States, and for its first year of Masonic activities will hold meetings under dispensation from the Massachusetts Grand Lodge.

Resident fishermen of Maine would be compelled to pay an annual fee, if proposed changes in the fish and game laws are granted by the coming Legislature, according to a statement by Willis E. Parsons, commissioner of inland fisheries and game. Such a law, if passed, would provide a revenue of \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year, which would be used solely for the propagation of fish and the protection of game.

Among various bills filed with the secretary of state for introduction in the Connecticut General Assembly, which convenes Jan. 3, is one providing the instruction in all schools in Connecticut shall be in the English language. The bill, if enacted, would affect New Britain, where the large Polish population has its own excellent Polish schools, and also eastern Connecticut, where there are French schools.

At least 250 miles of road were constructed during the season of 1922 under the direction of the Maine highway department, according to a statement by Chief Engineer Paul D. Sargent. There were substantially 90 miles of state highway and practically 160 miles of state aid road constructed. As to types of road, there were completed of cement concrete a little less than 13 miles; of bituminous macadam substantially 35 miles and of gravel road 215 miles.

One of the largest mergers of business or manufacturing plants that has occurred in the country has just been consummated whereby a leading New London, Conn. concern, the T. A. Scott Company, is consolidated with another company, the largest in the United States in the same line of activity, the Merritt & Chapman Derrick & Wrecking Company of New York. The name of the corporation will be the Merritt-Chapman & Scott Corporation.

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NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed executrix of the will of Horatio N. Upton late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, without bond. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereon requested to make payment immediately.

CLARA T. UPTON, Bethel

December 19th, 1922 12-23-22

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named.

At a Probate Court at Paris in vacation in and for the County of Oxford, on the twenty-sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby

ORDERED: That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1923, at 9 o'clock of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Ceylon Rowe late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Herbert C. Rowe as executor of the same to act without bond as expressed in said will presented by said Herbert C. Rowe, the executor therein named.

Witness, ABETAS E. STEARNS, Judge of said Court of Paris, this 26th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

12-23-22

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named.

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby **ORDERED:**

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of the order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1923, at 9 o'clock of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Robert H. Goddard of Bethel, minor ward; petition for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Fritz A. Goddard, guardian.

Charles H. Bennett late of Olean, deceased; final account presented for allowance by Henry H. Hastings, guardian.

Witness, ABETAS E. STEARNS, Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

12-23-22

SOCIETY DIRECTORY

A cordial invitation is extended to strangers who belong to any of these organizations to visit meetings when in town.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 97, F. & A. M., meets in Masonic Hall the second Thursday evening of each month. T. I. Brown, W. M.; Fred B. Merrill, Secretary.

PURITY CHAPTER, No. 102, O. E. S., meets in Masonic Hall the first Wednesday evening of each month. Mrs. Elizabeth Garey, W. M.; Mrs. Pearl Tibbetts, Secretary.

MT. ABRAM LODGE, No. 31, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall every Friday evening. A. C. Brink, N. G.; Wesley Wheeler, Secretary.

SUNSET REBEKAH LODGE, No. 64, I. O. O. F., meets in Odd Fellows' Hall the first and third Monday evenings of each month. Mrs. Lena Brink, N. G.; Mrs. Anna French, Secretary.

SUDBURY LODGE, No. 23, K. of P., meets in Odd Fellows' Hall each Tuesday evening. E. Leroy Good, C. O. John Harrington, K. of R. and S.

NACCOMI TEMPLE, No. 68, PYTHIAN SISTERS, meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at Odd Fellows' Hall. Mrs. Helen Baker, M. E. G. Mrs. Minnie Bennett, M. of R. and G.

BROWN POST, No. 84, G. A. R., meets at Odd Fellows' Hall the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. A. H. Hutchinson, Commander; I. O. Jordan, Adjutant; L. N. Bartlett, Q. M.

BROWN W. R. C., No. 36, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. Mrs. Emily Forbes, President; Mrs. Eva Hastings, Secretary.

GEORGE A. MUNDT POST, No. 81, AMERICAN LEGION, meets the first Tuesday of each month in its rooms. William Mackay, Commander; Howard Tyler, Adjutant.

BETHEL GRANGE, No. 56, P. of H., meets in their hall the first and third Thursday evenings of each month. A. F. Copeland, M.; Mrs. Eva Hastings, Secretary.

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ANONIE E. CROSS, Locke's Mills

December 19th, 1922 12-23-22

Beginning of Great Industry.
The first bale of cotton exported from this country to Europe was shipped from Charleston, S. C., in 1791.

Proper Definition of Valor.
Fear to do base, unworthy things is valor; if they be done it is, to suffer them is valor, too.—Ben Jonson.

The Society Editor

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE

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THEY say that in the newspaper offices of the city men work in suits; that the editorial writer never reports an item, no matter how never known to it; that a reporter is not allowed to express an editorial view of a subject, even though he be well qualified to speak; but on our little country daily newspaper it is entirely different. We work on the interchangeable copy system. Every one writes items, all of us get advertising and job-work when it comes our way, and when one of us writes anything particularly good, it is marked for the editorial page. The religious reporter does the racing matinee in Wildwood park, and the financial editor, who gets the market reports from the feed-store men, also gets any church news that comes along.

The only time we ever established a department was when we made Miss Larrabee society editor. She came from the high school, where her graduating essay on Kipling attracted our attention, and after an office council had decided that a Saturday society page would be a paying proposition.

At first, for six months after she came to the office, Miss Larrabee devoted herself to the accumulation of professional pride. This pride was as much a part of her life as her pompadour, which at that time was so high that she had to tiptoe to reach it. However she managed to keep it up was the wonder of the office. Finally, we all agreed that she must use chicken-fence. She denied this, but was inclined to be good-natured about it, and, as an office joke, the boys used to leave a step-ladder by her desk so that she could climb up and see how her top-knot really looked. Nothing ruffled her spirits, and we soon quit teasing her and began to admire her work. In addition to filling six columns of the Saturday's paper with her society report in a town where a church social is important enough to justify publishing the names of those who wait on the tables, Miss Larrabee was a credit to the office.

She was always invited to the entertainments at the homes of the Worthingtons and the Conklins, who had stationary washstands in the basements of their houses and who ate dinner instead of supper in the evening; and when she put on what the boys called her trotting harness, her silk petticoats rustled louder than any others at the party. One day she suddenly dropped her pompadour and appeared with her hair parted in the middle and doused over her ears in long, undulating billows. No other girl in town came within a quarter of an inch of Miss Larrabee's dress. When straight fronts became stylish, Miss Larrabee was a vertical marvel, and when she rolled up her sleeves and organized a country club, she referred to her shoes as boots and took the longest steps in town. But with it all she was no mere clothes-horse. We drilled it into her head during her first two weeks that "society" news in a country town means not merely the doings of the cut-glass set, but that it means as well the doings of the Happy Hoppers, the Trundle-Bed Truists, the Knights of Columbus, the Rathbone Sisters, the King's Daughters, the Epworth League, the Christian Endeavorers, the Woman's Relief corps, the Ladies Aid and the Home Missionary societies, Miss Nelson's Dancing class, the Switchmen's Annual ball—if we get their job-work—and every kindred, every tribe, except such as gather in what is known as "kitchen sweats" and occasionally lend in call for the police. When Miss Larrabee got this into her head she began to groan under her burden, and by the end of the year, though she had great pride in her profession, she affected to loathe her department.

Weddings were her especial abominations. When the first social cloud appeared on the horizon indicating the approach of a series of showers for the bride which would culminate in a cloudburst at some stone church, Miss Larrabee would begin to rumble like distant thunder and, as the storm grew thicker, she would flash out crooked chain-lightning imprecations on the heads of the young people, their fathers and mother and uncles and aunts. By the day of the wedding she would be rolling a steady diapason of polite, decoratized, expurgated, ladylike profanity.

While she sat at her desk writing the stereotyped account of the event, it was like picking up a live wire to speak to her. As she wrote, we could tell at just what stage she had arrived in her copy. Thus, if she said to the adjacent atmosphere, "What a whopper!" we knew that she had written, "The crowning glory of a happy fortnight of social gatherings found its place when—" and when she hissed out, "Mortgaged clear to the eaves and full of installment furniture!" we felt that she had reached a point something like this: "After the ceremony the gay party assembled at the palatial home." In a woman who would snarl, "I am dead tired of seeing Mrs. Merriman's sprightly old fern and the Bosworth palm. I wish they would stop landing them!" and then we realized that she had reached the part of her write-up which said: "The champagne was banked with a profusion of palms and ferns and rare tropical plants." She always grumbled when she came to the "simple and ingenu-

ally ring ceremony." When she wrote: "The distinguished company came forward to offer congratulations to the newly-wedded pair," she would say as she sharpened her pencil-point: "There's nothing like a wedding to reveal what a raft of common kin people have," and we knew that it was all over and that she was closing the article with: "A dazzling array of costly and beautiful presents was exhibited in the library," for then she would pick up her copy, dog-eat the sheets, and jab them on the hook as she sighed: "Another great American pickle-dish exhibit ended."

In the way she did two things Miss Larrabee excited the wonder and admiration of the office. One was the way that she kept tab on brides. We heard through her of the brides who could cook, and of those who were beginning life by accumulating a bright little pile of tin cans in the alley. She knew the brides who could do their own sewing and those who could not. She had the single girl's sniff at the bride who wore her trousseau season after season, made over and fixed up, and she gave the office the benefit of her opinion of the husband in the case who had a new tailor-made suit every fall and spring. She scented young married troubles from afar, and we knew in the office whether her folks were edging upon her, or her people were edging upon him. If a young married man danced more than twice in one evening with anyone but his wife, Miss Larrabee made faces at his back when he passed the office window, and if she caught a young married woman flirting, Miss Larrabee regarded us by telling—about—the woman in question had opened a "fresh bottle of emotions."

The other way in which Miss Larrabee displayed genius for her work was in describing women's costumes. Three or four times a year, when there are large social gatherings, we print descriptions of the women's gowns. Only three women in our town, Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Conklin, and the second Mrs. Murkley, have more than one new party dress in a twelve-month, and



Miss Larrabee Made Faces at His Back When He Passed the Office Window

most of the women make a party gown last two or three years. Miss Larrabee was familiar with every dress in town. She knew it made over, and no woman was cunning enough to conceal the truth even with a spangled yoke, a chiffon berth, or a net overdress; yet Miss Larrabee would describe the gown, not merely twice, but half a dozen times, so that the woman wearing it might send the description to her relatives back East without arousing their suspicion that she was wearing the same dress year after year. Therefore, whenever Miss Larrabee wrote up the dresses worn at a party, we were sure to sell from fifty to a hundred extra papers. She could so turn a breastpin and a home-made point-lace handkerchief tucked in the front of a good old lady's best black satin into "point-lace and diamonds," that they were always good for a dozen copies of the paper, and she never overlooked the dress of the wife of a good advertiser, no matter how plain it might be.

She was worth her wages to the office merely as a compendium of shams. She knew whether the bridal couple, who announced that they would spend their honeymoon in the East, were really going to Niagara Falls, or whether they were going to spend a week with her relatives in Decatur, Ill. She knew every woman in town who bought two prizes for her christ party—one to give if her friend should win the prize, and another to give if the woman she hated should win. With the diabolical eyes of a dead she detected the woman who was wearing the dry-cleaned cast-off clothing of her sister in the city. What she saw the office knew, though she kept her conclusions out of the paper if they would do any harm or hurt anyone's feelings. No pretender ever dreamed that she was not fooling Miss Larrabee. She was willing to agree most sympathetically with Mrs. Conklin who insisted that the "common people" wouldn't be interested in the list of names at her party; and the only place where we ever saw Miss Larrabee's claw in print was in the insistent mis-spelling of the name of a woman who had made it a point to ridicule the paper.

We have had other girls around the

office since Miss Larrabee left, but they do not seem to get the work done with any system. She was not only industrious but practical. Friday mornings, when her work piled up, instead of fussing around the office and chattering at the telephone, she would dive into her desk and bring up her regular list of adjectives. These she would copy on three slips, carefully dividing the list so that no one had a duplicate, and in the afternoon each of the boys received a slip with a list of the adjectives she had given him through the accounts of the parties assigned to him—and the work was soon done. There was no scratching the head for synonyms for "beautiful," "superb" or "elegant." Miss Larrabee had dotted out to each of us the adjectives necessary, and given the adjectives, society reporting is easy. The editing of the copy is easy also, for one does not have to remember whether or not the refreshments were "delicious" at the Jones party when he sees the word in connection with the viands at the Smith party. No two parties were ever "elegant" the same week. No two events were "charming." No two women were "exquisitely" gowned. The person who was assigned the adjective "delightful" by Miss Larrabee might stick it in front of a luncheon, pin it on a hostess, or use it for an evening's entertainment. But he could use it only once. And with a list of these present and the adjectives thereunto appertaining, even a boy could get up a column in half an hour. She had an artist's pride in the finished work, however much she might dislike the thing in making, and she used to sail down to the press-room as soon as the paper was out, and, picking up the paper from the folder, she would stand reading her page, line upon line, precept upon precept, though every word and syllable was familiar to her.

During her first year she joined the Woman's State Press club, but she discovered that she was the only real worker in the club and never attended a second meeting. She told us that

too many of the women wore white stockings and low shoes, read their own unpublished short stories, and regarded her wide-shouldered shirtwaist and melodramatic openwork hosiery with suspicion and alarm. As the years passed, and wedding after wedding sizzled under her pen, she complained to us that she was beginning to be called "humble" in too many houses, and that the stock of available young men who didn't wear their handkerchiefs under their collars at the dances had dwindled down to three. This reality faces every girl who lives in a country town. Then she is left with two alternatives: to go visiting or to begin bringing them up by hand.

Miss Larrabee went visiting. At the end of a month she wrote: "It's all over with me. He is a nice fellow, and has a job doing 'Live Topics About Town' here on the Sun. Give my job to the little Whitley girl, and tell her to quit writing poetry, and like up her dress in the back. My adjectives are in the left-hand corner of the desk under 'When Knighthood Was in Flower.' And do you suppose you could get me and the grand keeper of the records and seals a pass home for Christmas if I'd do you a New York letter some time?"

"They say these city papers are hog tight!"

Dogs' Tails. When I was a small boy an elderly doctor said to me: "Watch the dogs. If you see a dog with a white hair on his body he is sure to have a white hair right on the end of his tail."

I have watched hundreds, perhaps thousands of dogs, and always have found the white hair on the end of the tail.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

None Too Hot.

During an art exhibition one of the artists was receiving the benefit of a friend's criticism.

"This canvas," said the friend, indicating a violent bit of impressionism, "Do you not think, after all, the atmosphere is too warm?"—Philadelphia Ledger.

FIGURES PROVE MENACE EXISTS

Remarkable Increase in Number of Southern Cotton Mills in Thirty Years

WHAT FIVE STATES HAVE DONE

North Carolina Jumped From 91 Mills in 1890 to 364 in 1922

The following figures, which show the tremendous development of textile manufacturing in the South during the past 30 years were compiled by Mr. B. Arp Lowrance, service editor of the Charlotte branch of the Western Newspaper Union.

The figures relate to the five cotton-growing states with the largest number of mills but it should be understood that there is approximately 25 per cent more in all the other cotton-growing states, although individually development has not been so marked as in the five given:

NORTH CAROLINA

Year	Mills	Spindles	Capital Stock
1890	91	237,800	10,775,100
1922	364	5,414,178	159,635,370

SOUTH CAROLINA

Year	Mills	Spindles	Capital Stock
1890	34	332,800	11,141,800
1922	168	5,128,080	119,612,002

GEORGIA

Year	Mills	Spindles	Capital Stock
1890	63	445,500	17,664,700
1922	142	2,763,362	60,335,200

ALABAMA

Year	Mills	Spindles	Capital Stock
1890	15	79,200	2,853,000
1922	74	1,267,660	24,536,380

VIRGINIA

Year	Mills	Spindles	Capital Stock
1890	5	42,000	1,376,100
1922	13	634,964	13,477,000

The figures tell their own story and require no comment or detailed elucidation. The unquestioned serious menace to the New England cotton manufacturing industry is easily apparent to any person who reads.

Great Increase of Spindleage

According to the Public Information Bureau of the Cotton Textile Employers' Association, in 1900 there were in the cotton-growing states 4,367,639 active spindles; in 1921 there were 15,708,958, an increase of 11,341,300. In 1900 the non-cotton-growing states had 15,104,544 active spindles; in 1921 they had 20,338,379 an increase of 5,233,835. In substantially a score of years the South added more than twice as many as did the North.

The percentage of increase during the 20 years in the South was nearly 250, or over 2½ times the 1900 figure, while in the North it was under 35, or slightly over one-third additional.

Quite as interesting and important is the showing of total spindle hours, which, naturally, bears a very close relation to the matter of work accomplished. In November, 1921, the cotton-growing states had total spindle hours of 4,023,020,221, while the non-cotton-growing states had 3,666,238,265. The South also led in September and October, but in December that section was under the North as 3,817,566,103 is to 3,908,161,506, yet the South was far ahead in average hours per spindle—239 to 183 in December, 252 to 177 in November, 249 to 199 in October, and 245 to 194 in September.

This wonderful spindle showing of the South relates, of course, mainly to the making of yarn. It is a fact that, to the present time, New England is far in advance in the amount of weaving and finishing, but year by year, the Southern states show a greater percentage of increase in this respect than the Northern.

Stupendous Growth in Looms

In 1899 the Southern states, which include those grouped as South Atlantic, East South Central and West South Central, had 115,750 looms, while the Northern states, which take in what are referred to as New England and the Middle Atlantic and North Central states, had 334,932.

Twenty years later the South had 237,502, while the North had 404,667. The South increased by 171,743 looms, or over 145 per cent, nearly 1½ times the 1899 figure, while the North had added only 69,735, or a little over 20 per cent more than it was credited with a score of years ago.

What do these figures and examples portend?

That the cotton textile industry of New England has a consistently and constantly growing rival of sinister proportions and advantages in the South and that the people of the northeastern section of the United States must labor earnestly to maintain supremacy in a field which has been one of its mainstays of prosperity for many years.

In fact, there are those who assert that the question of supremacy has been settled already and that the development of the South has been so marked during the past decade that New England cannot hope to retain its hold on the textile position, but must be content to sit a minor place in the world of textile manufacture. Some of these would-be prophets are of the North.

GRANGE AGAINST 48-HOUR LAW

Three State Conventions Go on Record Opposing the Proposed Act

PASS STRINGENT RESOLUTIONS

Master of New Hampshire Body Declares Measure Would Damage State

In the conventions of three New England state granges held last week resolutions were adopted opposing a working week of 48 hours for women and children.

These conventions were: Maine at Bangor, New Hampshire at Portsmouth and Massachusetts at Boston. The Maine convention went so far as to instruct the members of the legislative committee to appear before the Legislature at Augusta and oppose any move for 48 hours and it was also arranged to have local Grange bodies inaugurate exhaustive discussions in the matter and present any action that may be taken to the law-makers at the biennial session.

In New Hampshire Herbert N. Sawyer, master of the State Grange, roundly denounced the proposal to inflict a 48-hour law on the Granite state, declaring that its passage would prove a serious detriment to the community and work immense damage to both industry and agriculture. The resolution declaring opposition to the passage of the law was passed almost unanimously, despite the efforts of a few friends of the measure to prevent action.

According to the report in the Boston Herald, "The New Hampshire state grange in the last few hours of its annual convention may, according to many politicians, have given the death blow to a 48-hour law in this state (New Hampshire) when the body practically unanimously adopted a resolution opposing a 48-hour week for women and children."

Many Unwarranted Assertions

There have been so many unwarranted assertions about a "farm-labor bloc," by means of which it was understood the farmer representatives would support the 48-hour law in return for the help of the labor votes in changing over the taxation laws which have proved obnoxious to agriculturists, that many persons were led to believe that the house of representatives was almost certain to pass the law, leaving the death blow to be administered in the Senate.

According to the statements in the Boston Herald, however, there seems little hope for such a result and it is apparent that certain Democratic agricultural leaders, who labored to bring about the organization of a "bloc" reckoned without regard to the determined spirit of opposition to the 48-hour law which exists among thousands of farmers generally and particularly among members of the grange.

State Master Sawyer in his address declared that there is no justice in a standard-hour day and that the maximum hours of a day's work should not be fixed by law. He said: "The hours of labor in industrial centers are out of proportion to those of the rural parts of the State. Advocates of the 48-hour law have overlooked the fact that, by increasing the pay and shortening the hours of labor, the purchasing power of the dollar is reduced."

Such a move will result in the closing of the textile mills in New Hampshire, he believed. Mr. Sawyer said further: "Do we of New Hampshire want to see our mills closed and the industrial centers bankrupt and desolate? The number of spindles operating in New England today is not keeping pace with those of the South, and the hours of labor in the cities are detrimental to labor on the farms."

No Chance for "Bloc" Now

The passage of the resolution makes impossible the much talked-of "bloc" and gives a new angle to the labor situation in New Hampshire. Many of the mill-workers who went on strike last February and returned only a few weeks ago have been led to believe that the passage of the law was practically assured. Now, it is claimed that the grange determination to prevent the enactment of the measure means that the labor leaders counted without consideration of the hosts of opposition among the farmers.

At the New Hampshire meeting there were numerous declarations favoring the appointment of committees to appear before the Legislature and fight the proposal at every point. This matter will be decided later.

According to the Boston Globe:

"Following the denouncement of the proposed bill, in the annual address of State Master Sawyer, members were in lively discussion throughout the day. Conservatives believed an endorsement of Mr. Sawyer's address should be made, while other delegates favored an active campaign immediately to defeat the bill in the Legislature this winter. It was brought out that four state senators-elect and about a hundred in the lower House are members of the Grange.

"Initiations are that the talked of labor and farm bloc in the state will be impossible."



GEESSE AND DUCKS

"There are lots of us here," said Mrs. Goose.

"Lots of us," said Mr. Goose, who was better known as Mr. Gander.

"Plenty of us, too, quack, quack," said Mrs. Duck.

"And a goodly number of us, quack, quack," said Mr. Duck, also known as Mr. Drake.

"Well," said Mr. Black Mallard, "we do not quack in the same fine way as our ladies do, but we make another little kind of a sound which is something like a quack and something like a sound the name of which is known only to us."

"That is, we can make our own sounds in a very superior fashion."

"Ah, yes," said Mrs. Goose. "Well, I hear they're building a fine place for Mr. Orange-Utan, who is expected to arrive at the zoo or the menagerie or the animal home or whatever you wish to call our Park."

"Yes, and they're going to make it very beautiful. Carpenters and painters and workmen are busy each day and they make a great noise, so they should be doing fine things."

"We make a great noise and surely we do fine things."

"Surely we do," the others said.

"There's a fine fountain over yonder, which I've been admiring," said Mrs. Duck. "I have often enjoyed watching it. Water spouts to me are more beautiful than land sights."

"You will see that it is a gushing, rushing, spurting kind of a fountain that I'm telling you about, which I see and which you can all see too."

"It bounces up and water spouts forth, and then it goes down and then it comes up again and it does this all the time, over and over and over again."

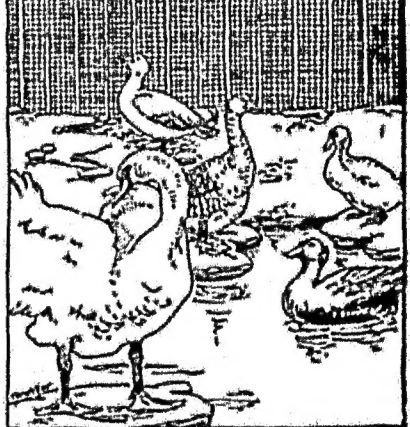
"It's a most fascinating thing to watch," Most interesting.

"There's a nice big hanging nest up in this place of ours. Yes, we have fine little ones too."

"But I must not talk any more until I have shaken my mouth in the water and have made it good and wet."

"I shall drink it so you will almost be able to see me swallow it."

"Then they all began to drink water



"Looked Their Best"

and put their heads "way down into the water, as did all the wild fowl, as they were called."

They made a great deal of noise all the time and squeaked and chattered steadily.

Some people came and watched the geese and the swans and the ducks and the more they were watched the more they talked, hoping that the people could understand all that they said.

But after a time the people left and Mrs. Duck said:

"Quick, quick, I know what it is. They're going to see the squirrels who go back and forth in their cage on a wheel-like thing they have to play with."

"The squirrels are with the head keeper and they love to play on this wheel and go around and make it go faster and faster and faster."

"Then there is a new Rhesus Monkey from India and he is receiving attention. He's quite a friendly soul, too. I've been told."

"And the keeper is much pleased because his little pet Ring-Tailed monkey is getting all over the trouble he had with his teeth and he is with the keeper in his office and is allowed to sit on a rug on the floor and eat fine things."

"Oh, he is quite free to walk about the office as he pleases. Yes, the people will see all these creatures."

"But let us make as much noise as we can so we will have all the visitors possible and so they will come to see us."

So the Geese and the Ducks and the Swans all made a great deal of noise and many people did come to see them and they preened their feathers and washed their beaks and looked their best for all who gazed upon them.

The Lion's Share.

The scene was in a school classroom and the subject was Scripture.

The teacher had just been reading the story of Daniel in the lions' den.

"Now, Tommie," she said, "what do we learn from the story of Daniel in the lions' den?"

Tommie did not know, but Jackie

was all eagerness to tell.

"Well, Jackie," said the mistress to her favorite pupil, smiling at the child's brightness. "What lesson do we learn?"

"That we shouldn't eat everything we see"

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MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD

A very fine time was enjoyed at the entertainment and Christmas tree at Middle Intervale, where Miss Ethel Capen teaches. Each pupil did his or her part perfectly. No pains were spared by their teacher to make it an enjoyable occasion. Home made candy and mysterious packages were on sale and a goodly sum was taken.

Mr. Wallace Coolidge and son, Edgar, are spending a couple of weeks at their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coolidge's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coolidge spent Christmas at W. H. Baker's and enjoyed their Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Merion Bous of Portland spent Christmas at O. H. Stanley's. Walter Bous is putting a furnace in his house.

Neel Carter's family is quarantined for scarlet fever.

RUMFORD POINT

The stock of groceries in the Merrill store were sold out last week. The schools closed Friday with a Christmas tree in the evening at the schoolhouse for the children.

Fred Emerson is home for a few days on account of illness.

J. H. Orent and family have gone to Limerick for a week's visit.

W. H. Baker has gone to Lewiston for medical treatment.

Alice Bryant spent Christmas up Ellis River.

Willard Eastman and wife of Mexico were in town, Sunday on their way to visit their daughter in Greenwood, Mrs. John Gill.

The Knight family spent Christmas at N. F. Hoyt's.

Kate Blanchard and Jane Kimball were dinner guests Monday at Charles Smith's in Hanover.

SOUTH ALBANY

Miss Verna Kimball was home from Norway for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. J. A. Kimball, who has been suffering from carbuncles on his neck, is improving at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Allen are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, who has been named Rex Arthur. Bernard Allen was at home for Christmas.

Fred Scribner was called to West Bethel, Friday, by the illness of his father, Nahum Scribner.

Merritt Sawin cut his foot while cutting wood one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Wardwell and son, Arthur Eugene, attended the Christmas tree at No. Waterford, Saturday.

Mr. Robert Hill was a business visitor in Norway one day last week.

Roy G. Wardwell and Cecil Kimball sawed wood for O'Neil Mills and Chas. Morey last Saturday.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

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total up to 33 registered scouts. Plans for Troop No. 2 are being discussed freely and it is the consensus of opinion that a second troop is a very probable thing and will become a necessity in order that all applicants will have a chance to get in on the scouting program.

Rumford Boy Scouts Help in Sale of Christmas Seals

Troop No. 1, Rumford, Maine, was the first troop to go on record as putting in effective work in the sale of Christmas Seals. Within two and one-half hours from the time the matter was broached to Scoutmaster G. Douglas Clark, scouts were on duty helping the public health authorities of Oxford County in the sale of these seals that mean so much in the prevention of tuberculosis.

Oxford County Scouts stand ready to help out in anything pertaining to worthy work helping the community or nation. Their help is given free and not on a fifty-fifty basis. Do a Good Turn Daily is the biggest thing in scouting. Public authorities should talk these matters over with the local Scoutmasters or heads of the local Scout Boards.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C. B. Oliver, Pastor
Hours of Worship:
Sunday morning at 10:45.
Church School at 12.
Evening worship, Sunday at 7:15.
Tuesday evening at 7:15.
Next Sunday, Rev. Edwin Wilson will preach. Mr. Wilson will be at home for a few days during the College vacation season. Let us give him good support next Sunday.

The first week in January will be observed as "A week of prayer." We urge that every family altar and every individual prayer include the special campaign of Jan. 21-Feb. 4.

The Ladies' Aid will meet at Mrs. Lyman Wheeler's, Thursday afternoon at 2:30. The Home Mission Society will furnish the program. Heavy penalty for those not on time and special recognition for all who are prompt.

Class meeting every Tuesday night at 7:15 is going to be used as the special office for the coming campaign. Mr. Fred Wood, class leader, is captain, and Mr. Adams, Mr. Adams, Mr. Haskell, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Frank Abbott, Mr. Lyman Wheeler, Miss Minnie Wilson and Mr. Stephen Abbott are lieutenants of their respective sections. The motto is: "Be prepared." These lieutenants are to get the prayerful support of every possible person of the streets assigned to them and make a list of all persons whose cooperation they have secured. Definite directions will be given at each Tuesday night meeting.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor
Sunday School at 12.
Evening meeting of Y. P. C. U. at 7.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. S. T. Achenbach, Pastor
Thursday, Dec. 28, 3 o'clock: Meeting of the Ladies' Club with Mrs. L. H. Wight.
Sunday, Dec. 31:
10:45: Worship. New Year's sermon. Theme, "Move On."
12:00: Sunday School.
4:00: Junior C. E. meeting. Topic, "My New Year's Resolutions." Leader, Richard Holt.
7:00: Evening meeting conducted by the pastor.

LOCKE'S MILLS CHURCH

Rev. C. B. Oliver, Pastor
Sunday morning worship at 9:00.
Church School at 10:00.
Rev. Edwin Wilson of Bates College will probably be the preacher at the nine o'clock hour of worship on Sunday.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Christian Science services are held every Sunday in Grange Hall, Spring St., at 10:30 A. M. All are welcome.

MILTON

Winfield Buck has moved his family into the Billings' rent over his store. Mr. Buck is very sick and under the doctor's care. She is with her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Millett. Winola Billings spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. W. B. Millett. Ada Billings and daughter, Ruth Billings, and Lester Lapham were Sunday guests of Mr. Harry Billings. Mrs. J. H. Akeley spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. George Byerson. Bert Sealons and wife spent Christmas with Ted Billings' family. School has closed in this place for two weeks. We understand they are doing quite a business at the new mill which has been built by Mr. Goodall.

French Invented Keyless Watch.
The first keyless watch is said to have been made by a Frenchman in the year 1794.

THE J. E. JONES LETTER

"SAVING EUROPE"

It is almost eight years since Europe began calling on the New World to save her. At first she thought she could do it herself, and as the hordes of German and Austrian armies clashed with the forces of Belgium, France, England, Russia and Italy, the neutral nations that were onlookers predicted that it would be over in a few months, or in a year, or possibly a little longer. That was the beginning of a story that has had as many phases as there are sides and characteristics to human life.

The present trouble we are told is traceable to a tremendous "reparations battle" now being staged in European capitals by nations, all of which admit that their treasuries have been stone-broke for many, many years. And they say that about the only way they can pull themselves out of their dilemma is for defeated Germany to pay up the "reparations." If Germany can arrange to pay, the rest of the countries will divide up the swag. That's pretty nearly the whole story in a nutshell.

A DRIVE FOR AMERICAN GOLD

Of course all of Europe knows that Germany has little real money other than "marks" with which to pay its debts—and anyone may be counted on to accept the German lithographs. Clemenceau came to America to drive home France's demand that "Germany must pay." And while Clemenceau was still on the high seas Germany began coyly inquiring of the United States Government, and J. Pierp Morgan and other bankers, "how much does America think Germany's capacity to pay may be estimated at?"

At about the same time the new British Prime Minister "told it to the world" that England couldn't pay its war debts unless Europe paid to the British. Of course everyone knew that Europe couldn't pay its head bankers in London unless Germany produced the money for the delapidated public treasuries of the Continent. Germany promptly and gracefully responded that it would keep credits whirling provided the United States would hold the bag, and put up the money. Thus in the present-day "saving Europe" process our old companions in arms are not only to be saved but the United States must add to its string of dependents the former enemies of mankind who forced us into the war—that we won for Europe.

IMPERIALISTIC, MILITARISTIC AND EXPLOITING EUROPE

Senator Borah passively observes that "if Europe wants help that will help the people of Europe, the suffering masses, and not feed her imperialistic and militaristic, exploiting policies, then a program along that line should accompany the appeal."

The Arms Conference held in Washington last winter aimed in this identical direction, and its critics who said that it was merely a leaf out of the League of Nations document, agreed then that Europe could come close to saving herself if she would change her "imperialistic, militaristic, exploiting policies." But evidently that was a premature hope, since the press dispatches of recent date tell us that "Great Britain and Turkey have reached an agreement outside the Peace Conference regarding Mosul, whereby Turkey is to have sovereignty over the region and England over the oil concessions." It has been the same old story over and over again, ever since the war. Apparently American gold is the only relief that Europe anticipates. And the disheartening part of it all is that we do not save them at all. Instead we "save" their policy and political machinery, and help the secret arts of diplomacy to put over new deals on the world like that just consummated by the British and the Turks.

THE BLOC WILL BLOCK LEGISLATION

Samuel Gompers is as vigorous in his championship of the "progressive bloc" in Congress as Ben W. Hooper is in denouncing it. Gompers is the head of organized labor movement in the United States, while Hooper is chairman of the United States Railroad Labor Board. Hooper argues that "the statesmen who drafted our Constitution fully realized the danger of self-destruction inherent in popular government, and they made the judicial department a seawall against destructive tidal waves of popular sentiment. Gompers doesn't give a snap of his finger for 'inherent claims of the judicial department of popular government, and he would sooner hold a referendum to recall a judicial decision than to say it was right if he thought otherwise."

In the divergent views of these two men one finds in splendid working order the two forms of human psychology that are called "conservative" and "progressive" at the National Capital. The one would strengthen the "seawall" against destructive tidal waves of popular sentiment, while the other would welcome storms that would beat it down.

A great battle is raging right now in the Senate of the United States between statesmen who would maintain the old order of events and other statesmen who are trying to uproot the political organizations of parties that have hitherto controlled legislative affairs. It

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must be evident that with the support President Harding back of the regularly constituted Republican organization that the "blocs" that have recently been organized are in the minority. Nevertheless they have great strength, and it is their hope that they may block the Administration measures during the present session. Just how far they can succeed no one knows, but the probabilities are that the bloc will block enough legislation to force an extra session of Congress, at which their numbers will be far greater than at present.

SYMPATHETIC GOVERNORS

President Harding gathered many of the governors of the States around his hospitable table at the White House, and as they slipped from demi-tasse coffee cups they talked of the inquiry of their fellow-men in many parts of our fair land who are selling and drinking liquor. Law-enforcement furnished the subject matter of the discussion. All agreed that it was not for them to decide whether men may carry on the practices of dealing in and drinking liquor, but that it was strictly their business to enforce the existing law preventing such practices. A good many people seem to think that prohibition enforcement is exclusively the business of the Federal government, whereas concurrent power exists with the States. In many cases the double authority has resulted in the failure of the State officials to act, and in such instances it appears that the local officials are often times actual obstructionists to the enforcement of the law. The President told the Governors that the contempt publicly shown for the prohibition law is a most disheartening and alarming sign of the times, and he urged upon them the necessity of vigorous efforts on their part that would help to concert public opinion in behalf of law enforcement. The Governors were sympathetic and assured the President that they would go back home and try to stop

some of the incessant argument over prohibition, and get more effective results in checking the Nation's greatest public scandal.

MR. WILSON QUITS THE LAW

Former President Wilson has withdrawn from the law firm of Wilson and Colby. As he is still a semi-invalid it is not supposed that he retired from the law business because of any arduous duties he performed, but it is more probable that he found his own prestige so closely involved in some of the cases as to make the continued use of his name in important matters handled by his partner seem objectionable. There is every indication in Washington that Mr. Wilson expects to attempt to hold the reins of leadership in his party during the next presidential campaign.

GROVER HILL

Almon Tyler's children are ill of bad colds.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson and family enjoyed Christmas with relatives at Bethel.

There was a Christmas tree at Fred Wheeler's, also one at Clyde Whitman's for the children in each family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spinnery from Sunday River were dinner guests at Fred A. Munroe's, Sunday.

Fred Wheeler is coming from Milan Chapin's wood lot. Harry Lyon and Clyde Whitman are cutting the timber.

A. J. Penzance and F. E. Wheeler moved Mr. Penzance's hen house from Bethel, Monday.

Miss Amy Wheeler was the guest of Mrs. Fred Wheeler at the farm last week.

Miss Gwendolyn Stearns from Bridgewater, Mass., is enjoying the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Stearns.

School children here are enjoying the holiday recess.

Almon Tyler went to West Bethel to see his mother, recently.

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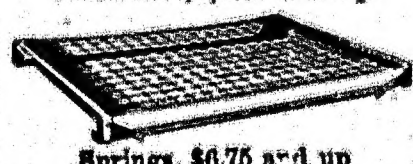
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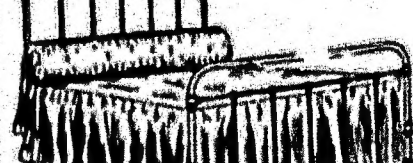
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